What are VPK Learning Circles?

Our **Learning Circles** provide ongoing opportunities for early childhood professionals to share strategies, research and best practices in VPK classrooms.

- Practice new ideas and skills.
- Network with other early childhood professionals in your community.
- Share resources and experiences.
- Discuss and brainstorm solutions to challenges you may encounter.



You are the loop!

VPK providers, directors, teachers and administrators who would like an opportunity to network with other professionals in early childhood education.

Which topics interest you?

- VPK Assessment in Practice
- Early Mathematics
- Emergent Literacy
- Language Development
- Social Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Engaging Families
- Transition to Kindergarten
- Social Studies
- Creative Arts
- Executive Function
- Scientific Inquiry

How do I register?

Contact your **regional facilitator** for an invite to register through www.eyentbrite.com.

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Frequently Asked Questions about VPK Learning Circles

1. Do I have to be a VPK teacher or director to participate?

No. The topics are applicable to those working with preschool-age children.

2. How often do VPK Learning Circles meet?

VPK Learning Circles may be offered as a stand-alone session or monthly in cohorts over a period of time. Contact your VPK Regional Facilitator for more information.

3. What will participants learn from attending a VPK Learning Circle?

VPK Learning Circle topics are generated based on a combination of interests from participants and best practices in early childhood education. Learning Circles provide ongoing opportunities for early childhood professionals to share strategies, research and best practices in VPK classrooms.

4. Are VPK Learning Circles mandatory?

No. VPK Learning Circles are offered as a venue to build community and as opportunities to "dig deeper" when learning about a particular topic. Participation is highly encouraged but not required.

5. What is the registration process to participate in VPK Learning Circles?

Contact the VPK Regional Facilitator for information. VPK regional facilitators send email registration invites for upcoming VPK Learning Circles. The regional facilitators use Eventbrite.com to process registration.

6. What type of credit will participants receive?

Participants will receive a certificate of completion awarding in-service hours at the conclusion of each VPK Learning Circle. CEUs are not available for VPK Learning Circles.

7. Where can participants attend a VPK Learning Circle?

Contact your VPK Regional Facilitator for locations where VPK Learning Circles are offered.